

Preparation for the Journey (Ezra 8) Sermon Devotional

Series - Rebuilding: Life Tools from Ezra-Nehemiah

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1. Would you describe yourself as more of a cautious person or a bold person?
2. What factors help you act with boldness?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Ezra 8:1-36 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. Sixty years after the first return, a second group of Israelites return home. Ezra lists the families that returned. Knowing that God works in human history to bring salvation to people, why do you suppose Ezra's list of families is important enough to be included in the Bible?
5. Much fewer people traveled on this journey than the first group to return to Jerusalem. After sixty additional years of living in Babylon, many Jews had undoubtedly grown comfortable living in a foreign land. Can you think of Christians today who have grown comfortable dwelling spiritually in a land of disobedience?
6. Ezra paused the journey and discovered that there were no Levites to assist God's people in worshipping the Lord. Why is it important for spiritual leaders to be a part of our lives?
7. Why do you believe that Ezra proclaimed a fast in verse 21?

Bringing It Home

8. Ezra displayed a great amount of boldness in traveling 900 miles with women and children, but without an armed escort. Where was his trust?
 9. Where is your trust today for protection and assistance in the journey of your life?
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